

HOUSE RESOLUTION 255
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A RESOLUTION to commend Michael Sean Payne for his
outstanding work as an intern.

WHEREAS, through the course of each legislative session, there have on occasion emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Michael Sean Payne has distinguished himself as one such individual through his work as a legislative intern for Representative John DeBerry and the Tennessee Black Caucus; his efforts resulting in untold benefits for the members he served and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at the Univeristy of Memphis, Michael has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; he serves as a role model in the school's Peer Mentor Program, is a member of the African American Recruitment Committee, is the recipient of the Emerging Leaders Program scholarship, and is a member of the President's Council of Eighty and the "Each One Reach Three" Program; and

WHEREAS, Michael gives unselfishly of his time and talents to the executive council of the University of Memphis Black Student Association and is editor-in-chief of the association's newsletter, *The Torch*; and

WHEREAS, Michael is a devout Christian and evinces his strong belief in the Lord through his active membership in the Historic First Baptist - Beale Street Church, where he serves as Sanctuary Choir Director; and

WHEREAS, during the 1996 legislative session, Michael exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in his studies, Michael brought many skills to the State Capitol for the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Michael has performed his many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and intelligence and it is appropriate that we honor him for his exemplary efforts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Michael Sean Payne for outstanding service as a legislative intern and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.